

BP Holding Statement
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The BP Whiting Refinery is taking action to contain a hydrocarbon sheen discovered at 4:30 p.m. near the refinery's cooling water outfall along the Lake Michigan shoreline.

The cooling water outfall is located in a cove created by the refinery's waste water treatment plant on one side and a steel mill on the other side.

BP and its emergency response contractors are deploying boom around the sheen, the outfall, and the impacted shoreline.

There have been no injuries and BP's priorities are keeping response personnel safe and protecting the environment.

Technical and operational teams continue to evaluate potential sources of the hydrocarbons. Other parts of the refinery continue to operate while the investigation continues.

BP has notified the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. EPA and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management and is cooperating with these agencies.